

Florence Township Council Regular Session 9/5/18

Florence, New Jersey
September 5, 2018

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. Council Vice President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to Trenton Times for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 4, 2018. Notice was advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 10, 2018.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Jerry Sandusky, Dave Woolston

Absent: Paul Ostrander

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator, Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk

COUNTY CLERK TIM TYLER PRESENTING KILLED IN ACTION FLAG

Council Vice President Sandusky and Mayor Wilkie asked for all veterans to come forward.

Clerk Tyler thanked all of the veterans for their service. In 1993 a veteran went to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and at that time there was no flag. Since then this initiative has been progressing. August 7, 2017 the governor signed a law designating a proper KIA flag be flown at the principal building of the state, the county and all municipalities. Burlington County hoisted its flag one year later on the anniversary, August 7, 2018. Since then, he has purchased flags for every municipality in the county. He has been presenting them personally to all municipalities. He said on behalf of himself and his office, it was his privilege and an honor to present the flag to the township.

Mayor Wilkie thanked County Clerk Tyler for the gift of the flag and noted that many of the streets in some of the newer developments were named for local residents who were killed in action. Fortunately, at this point there are no more names.

Mayor Wilkie stated that two weeks ago, the township found out about a child in the community who was having some health issues and was homebound. An appeal from his family went out to give him a nice birthday. Assistant Administrator Sahol saw it and wanted the town to do something. The Fire Department, the Police Department, the Township Administration and many community organizations and residents gave this young man a nice birthday. He wanted to thank Assistant Administrator Sahol for his effort. He also expressed thanks to all who contributed

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towards giving this young man a birthday to remember-. That was an example of this community – always going above and beyond.

HONORING MAIL CARRIER MARY MATTHEWS

Council Vice President Sandusky said there are times that you see a crowd of this magnitude at a meeting and you wonder if they are there because they are concerned about something. Tonight, he knew that everyone was there because someone from the community was being honored because she went above and beyond the call of duty. Mary Matthews was delivering her mail route on Maple Avenue and heard a smoke detector sounding and smelled smoke. She called emergency services and waited for responders to be on-scene.

Mayor Wilkie requested Ms. Matthews to come to the front. He read Resolution No. 2018-207 honoring her into the record.

Council Vice President Sandusky said on behalf of the Mayor, Council and the community, he would like to present her with a token of their appreciation.

Kevin Mullen, Florence Township Fire Department, said on behalf of the members and officers of the Fire Department, he wanted to present her with a Certificate of Recognition. He read it into the record. Mr. Mullen said the department was originally dispatched for the odor of smoke but because of Ms. Matthews' report, en-route it was upgraded based on her observations. He thanked her.

Gail Archer, Ms. Matthews' former postmaster, said the two worked together for a very long time. Out of all the employees that have worked under her, Mary was the best. She is the definition of a worker that would go above and beyond and do anything that was ever asked of her. She said she misses Mary a lot. She reminisced about some of the times they worked together. She said she is proud of Mary.

June Bencze, 771 Wallace Avenue, said this was not the first time Ms. Matthews went above and beyond. About twenty years ago one of Ms. Bencze's friends lived in the area of the former high school. The area was not in Ms. Matthews' route. Ms. Bencze's friend's mini-bike was stolen from the yard. Her son had just gotten it. Ms. Bencze mentioned the incident to Ms. Matthews. Ms. Matthews found the bike on her route and called the police. The bike was returned to its owner.

Joe Bordas, 850 Wallace Avenue, said everyone on the route cares deeply for Ms. Matthews.

John Mastin, former mail carrier, said he worked with Ms. Matthews and he could understand her doing what she did. They always discussed if there was something that seemed out of the ordinary, don't be afraid to report it.

Ms. Matthews said a couple months ago a woman on Station Road had fallen. The woman knew that Ms. Matthews would be coming soon as part of her route. Luckily a passerby saw her a little

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before Ms. Matthews arrived. The three of them called Emergency Services. Ms. Matthews went to the home of the woman's family members for more help. She said this is what she does. She knows everyone and cares about those on her route. She thanked everyone for coming this evening.

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution No. 2018-207 honoring Mary Matthews.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

8:21pm, it was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to have a short recess at this time. All ayes.

8:27pm, Council Vice President called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Lovenduski made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston to approve the following minutes. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the Tax Collector's Affidavit of Tax Bill Mailing, Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report and Monthly Water & Sewer Report for July 2018, CFO's Budget Report and Cash Report for July 2018 and the Police Chief's Monthly Report for July 2018. Voice vote – all ayes.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ostrander

Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Social Affair Permit for Roebling Museum, 100 Second Avenue, Roebling
Screening of Remastered "Brooklyn Bridge" Red Carpet Cocktail Reception.
September 22, 2018, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- B. Social Affair Permit for Francis W. Robbins Post 194, 6th and Broad Sts., Florence
Food Truck Festival, September 22, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Rain Date September 23, 2018.

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It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to receive and file Correspondence A & B. All ayes.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Roebling Museum, 100 Second Avenue, Roebling.
On-Premise Merchandise Raffle, October 13, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, October 13, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- B. Florence Twp. Riverfront School PTO, Riverfront School, 500 E. Front St., Florence
Purse Bingo and On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, October 20, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- C. Florence Twp. H.S. Band Boosters, 1050 Cedar Lane
Off-Premise 50/50 to be held at the Tree Lighting, 711 Broad Street, Florence
December 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

It was the Motion of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi, to approve Applications A-C.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Vice President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Melanie Mieczkowski, 1000 West Fourth Street, said there were contractors for PSE&G trimming trees in her area. They left a mess. There were branches stuck in the trees and they are now falling. She cleaned up a large amount of it. She suggested the township talk to PSE&G regarding the contractor they used for the work. Assistant Administrator Sahol said he would take care of the problem.

Loretta Monteiro, 219 Woodlawn Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for the recent clean-up of the west end of Florence. She was planning to attend this evening to ask for a general clean-up on the west end. She drove around this evening and she saw that many of the properties she was concerned about had been taken care of.

Last summer her property was on the market. Nine months passed before an offer was made and it ended up not selling because the house did not appraise. She mentioned this because she wanted the township to know how much her property value has decreased. The township can't control the market, but it can control the desirability of the neighborhood. It dropped so low that they couldn't recoup any money for the upgrades that were done to the property and they paid ten years on the mortgage and it was still so drastically below what they owed that they couldn't make up the difference. In her area the houses are selling for less and less and the property values are low and she wanted to bring that to the township's attention.

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She said Catalyst has stopped mowing the property behind Woodlawn Avenue. She asked if the township would be able to try and mow it. She would like her side street added to the Road Program for paving. It is next to the soccer field. It is uneven and there is pooling. There are weeds and poison ivy and it also has an effect on the property values. She requested the parking lot at the end of West Front Street and Woodlawn Avenue be mowed. The weeds are bad and some of the brush need to be cleaned up.

She said the new basketball courts look amazing. The community gardens look wonderful and there are things going on in the area that people are starting to notice. The trees are being well-maintained and residents are noticing. She thanked them.

Mayor Wilkie said the township will reach out to Catalyst. He believes they have a contractor that is working for them and they might be able to perform the clean-up. The reality is that they own the property in question. The township has been working with them on developing the property. Once there are drawings available he will share them with the residents. He believes they have agreed to clean up the alley there and provide some public parking. He expects the project to be in front of the Planning Board within the next couple of months. Notices will be sent out shortly.

Ms. Monteiro asked if Catalyst was developing the site. Mayor Wilkie said Catalyst bought the property. Griffin Pipe had tried to meet its DEP obligations and keep the operation running but were unable to do so. They shut down in 2010. When he became Mayor in 2012, the choice was for someone to purchase the property and clean it up, or let it just sit idle. The township did not want it to become a Superfund site and become a federal matter. Catalyst came in. They only clean up properties. It is considered a brownfields site. The other side of the site across the street is being cleaned up and capped so it can be reused.

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-200
Approving CWA Local 1036 Contract
For 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-201
Resolution Endorsing a Third Round Housing
Element and Fair Share Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-202
Adopt a COAH Spending Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-203
Approve Final Payment No.2 for
111 Norman Avenue
To: Two Brothers Contracting, Inc.
11 Vreeland Avenue, Totowa, NJ 07512

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-204
Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of
Roebling Arms Apartments
1340 Hornberger Avenue, Roebling, NJ

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-205
Authorize Approval of Renewal of Plenary
Retail Consumption License for 2018-2019
VRS Holding LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-206
Approve Current Estimate No. 11 for Contract for
Water Treatment Plant Upgrades
To: MBE Mark III Electric, Inc.
213 Main Street
Madison, NJ 07940

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-207
Commending Mary Matthews

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-208
Approve Partial Payment No. 3 for Contract for
1042 Potts Mill Road Community Support Building Improvements
To: Levy Construction Company, Inc.
134 Cuthbert Blvd., Audubon, NJ 08106

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-209
Approve Partial Payment No. 3 for Contract for
2018 Road Resurfacing Project
To: MECO, Inc.
PO Box 536, Clarksburg, NJ 08510-0536

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-210
Approve Release of Maintenance Bond for
Chestnut Street Drainage Improvements
Montana Construction Corp., Inc.
80 Contant Avenue
Lodi, NJ 07644

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-211
Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of
Florence and Burlington County for
Traffic Control Devices

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2018-200 through 2018-211, excluding Resolution No.2018-207 that was approved earlier in the meeting.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 56, SECTION
2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS” TO AMEND THE
NOTICE REQUIREMENT REGARDING FOR ROUTINELY
NONCOMPLIANT PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)

Administrator Brook explained when properties are not being properly maintained the municipality is hiring an independent contractor to do the work and placing a lien on the property after sending numerous notices. This ordinance takes it a step further. If a property is vacant, the township will not have to provide another ten-day notice if the owner hasn't changed. The town can just go do the work and place the lien. It will expedite the clean up of properties that have gotten run down.

Council Vice President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2018-20. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Lovenduski seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing. All ayes.

It was the Motion of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-22
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF
CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

(CWA Union Contract)

(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)

Administrator Brook said the contract for the CWA was up December 21 of last year and the Township has been negotiating with the CWA. Both parties have agreed to a five-year contract. Whenever there is a change in salary the Township is required to adopt a salary ordinance. This ordinance will cover 2018 through 2022.

At this time Council Vice President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2018-22. It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public hearing.

It was the Motion of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-22.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-23
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134, SCHEDULE XV: BUS STOPS
OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 9/19/18)**

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2018-23 and set the public hearing and adoption for September 19, 2018.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-24
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
ENTITLED 'WATER AND SEWERS' TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL
TYPES OF PIPING SUITABLE FOR WATER SERVICES AND MAINS**

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(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 9/19/18)

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2018-24 and set the public hearing and adoption for September 19, 2018.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers:

Council Vice President Sandusky said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for amending Chapter 56 of the Municipal Code. Council members always hear complaints about properties and why they aren't cleaned up. He tells residents the information is given to the township administration and a certified letter must be sent to the owner and a timeframe given to allow for cleaning up. It is a delayed process and the change in the code should make the process faster and easier for everyone.

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said the schools opened that day and asked that everyone please be careful and aware. He noted there was information about the dog park. He said if Council was in agreement he would like to discuss it at the next meeting. All were in agreement. Also in the packet was the Farmland Target List. He would like to discuss that at the next meeting too.

On September 15th, St. Stephen & Barnabas will be having a car show. It is on the first block of West Second Street. In conjunction with that, the Florence Historical Society will be having its annual Open House at the old firehouse on West Third Street.

Veteran's Day is November 11th, a Sunday. Although people may be off on Monday, the services are going to be held on Sunday. Post 194 will have its traditional service at 11:00 a.m. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI. At 11:30 a.m. on November 11th, the Township will have its annual ceremony. He set up a meeting to coordinate since it is the anniversary. The meeting is going to be Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. He invited any Council members to attend. The Police Department now has an Honor Guard. Post 194 has had an Honor Guard since they formed, but unfortunately the numbers have dwindled. His understanding is that the Police Honor Guard is able to work in conjunction with Post 194. He would like to send a letter to the local churches well in advance. The Township tries to respect the Sunday hours and he wanted to let them know why it is being done.

On September 22 Post 194 and the Roebling Museum are holding fundraisers. The movie "Brooklyn Bridge" is being screened at the Roebling Museum that evening. That opens at 6:00pm. The filmmaker will be in attendance. It should be a nice event and it is a great honor for the

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community. The township is doing everything it can to make sure the road improvements are completed in that area by that time.

The township has made an application to Rails to Trails. The subject area would be on Fifth Street from Front Street to Spruce Street. He said Assistant Administrator Sahol had a conversation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Railway Division and they have agreed to remove the concrete on Front Street and Broad Street. The other crossings don't have the concrete. Hopefully the grant will be possible and the help from the DOT is also very important.

Administrator Brook said ultimately, the Mayor and Council, through the Rail to Trail, would like to take out the entire length of track from West Front Street to Spruce Street and create a walkway/biking path through the community.

Municipal Administrator

Administrator Brook said in the packet there was a decision that came from the Construction Board of Appeals. The Township Code Officials have been working with the Township Solicitor and the Fire Marshall regarding 1470 Hornberger Avenue. It is sandwiched between the old Pinto property and the old Bucs property. It is in terrible shape and has been in bad shape for many years. The owner uses tires to keep tarps on the roof. The township has been battling him for at least two years. The township finally got the Construction Board of Appeals to rule in favor of the municipality. It has been deemed an unsafe structure. That means the owner will have to either improve the building or the municipality can move forward and have it demolished. He thanked all those involved.

He said the property identified as The Manors, off Florence-Columbus Road, is still operating on a Maintenance Bond. An issue has been concrete replacement. A compromise has been reached with the developer. They have agreed to replace all of the concrete that is on the punch list. The Homeowner's Association has been notified. Work should begin this week or next. Once the work is finished the township can move to release the Maintenance Bond.

There has been a great deal of discussion, work and efforts put into Florence-Columbus Road and Route 130 and trying to improve it. It should take about two years for the design, survey work and acquisition of properties, then another two years for construction. Once the draft concept plan is received it will be presented at a Council meeting with a full overview. The public will have an opportunity to see it. The township administrator has explained it in the past and there were even residents who came and met with him and the township engineer. The residents waked away feeling reassured with the level of work that is going into the design to improve the intersection.

Administrator Brook directed everyone's attention to the easel. The Mayor and Council directed the administration and staff to work with Burlington Stores on an expansion of their corporate center. That expansion will go along Route 130. It will be approximately three stories, probably in excess of 262,000 sq. ft. It is his understanding it will provide six hundred or more jobs. The township is working with Burlington Stores to develop a Redevelopment Plan. This plan would amend or repeal one of the Redevelopment Plans in place. The goal is to have the plan done for the

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September 19th meeting so it can then be referred to the Planning Board for its September 25th meeting. There are a couple details still being worked out. These redevelopment plans require a great deal of work and the township is coordinating with its attorney to make sure everything is done correctly. He indicated where on the rendering the building would be constructed.

Mayor Wilkie pointed it out on the plan. He said originally there was going to possibly be a hotel or something along those lines. Since their business is doing so well they felt they needed more office space. An office will be a great use for the community and hopefully some local residents can find employment there. Administrator Brook said the entrance will be from Route 130. There will be no opening onto any back roads. They are working with the DOT for a potential traffic light near the site. He said this evening there would need to be a motion to authorize the staff to proceed with preparing the plan to bring it for the September 19th meeting. At that point there would be a resolution referring it to the Planning Board for their consideration.

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to authorize the staff to proceed with creating the Redevelopment Plan.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ostrander

Mayor Wilkie said Resolution 2018-211 is an agreement between the township and Burlington County. The intersection of Front and Broad Streets now has a push button for pedestrian crossing as does Boulevard and Front Street. This agreement would provide a similar traffic control device at Delaware and Hornberger Avenues. It is a school crossing and there are crossing guards posted there. It is a very busy intersection. It will be designed so that if the need arises at a later time a traffic light could be installed.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the United States Geological Survey would like to perform a baseline study of some historic lands in Florence. The area they chose is the wooded area at Marter Park because it has never been disturbed. They would do some core sampling down to about twenty-five feet. They are looking for bandium and arsenic levels that are naturally occurring in soils. They are using several locations around the state and they have selected Florence as one. They are trying to re-establish the known baselines for these two materials. Engineer Biegen and his firm noted that this is a good thing for a municipality. He recommends the Council approve the study. There would be very limited disturbance to the area. It is just a pick-up truck with a drill rig. It is backfilled right away and topped of with topsoil. All were in agreement to proceed.

The water line replacement on Front Street is going very well. The process is proceeding and all of the connections to the homes are being done. Hopefully, by the end of the week all of the connections will be made. The township Water & Sewer workers are working diligently to make the township connections on Boulevard onto the new line they recently installed. It should be tied

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in by Monday or Tuesday of next week and everyone will be on the new line. It is good news because PSE&G is going to be starting a massive paving project and Front Street is part of that. He believes that will be starting September 17th. On the same day, PSE&G will begin milling and prepping for pavement on all of the additional streets in the community.

MECO, the contractor for the township Road Program, is moving along. They quickly completed the improvement at Nyikita Field along Tenth Avenue. The new sidewalks were available today for parents dropping their children at school. MECO hopes within the next two weeks there will be sufficient areas to begin to mill and pave.

There is still a utility pole in the way on Hornberger Avenue. PSE&G has been pressing the fact that it is still too warm for them to work. He contacts them daily about the pole. It will get to the point that the island might be attempted despite the fact that the pole is in the way. He hopes the paving will be done around September 21st.

PSE&G contacted him asking for the Road Opening Permits he helped with be expedited because they want to start some gas line work. He outlined where they plan to perform the work. He said the township has been working closely with the utility and it has been paying off. Not every community is receptive to working with PSE&G. Working with them is a benefit to the taxpayers because the township is getting more paving work done. The township appreciates everything the utility is doing for the residents.

Old Business

Farmers Market

Assistant Administrator Sahol said some Council members have expressed an interest in trying to do some kind of quick resurrection of the Farmers Market. Unfortunately, the market was not held this year because some of the very big vendors got out of the market business. He was frustrated because he thought the market had plenty of life. He still thinks it does, but without a large vendor it won't do well. There are people that will frequent but vendors are few and far between in this area. Further south and up north the markets are still going strong. He would like to try and figure out something like a one-day event or some kind of harvest fest. He feels for this year that would be the one best shot. It is getting close to the season's end.

New Business

Mayor Wilkie presented a report from the Economic Development Committee from the previous evening. He said it outlined some of the projects going on and their status. Modern Equipment bought the adjacent property and are doubling the size of their operation. They are cleaning the site and received Planning Board approval in the spring for the expansion. He believes the county is close to an agreement. He said the report listed other projects as well. There is a lot of activity at the current time. He wanted to make sure Council was kept up to date on current happenings.

Board of Health

Public Comments: Open to the Public

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Council Vice President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Mieczkowski asked about Ordinance 2018-23 and what bus stop it was referring to. Mayor Wilkie said there was a bus stop that was at Norman and Hornberger Avenues. The people waiting for the bus were loitering on residents' porches. The residents requested the stop be moved and the township moved it further down Hornberger Avenue across from Amboy Avenue.

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public comments. All ayes.

Administrator Brook said Council was now going into Closed Session and there was a possibility that there would be action taken when Council returned to the Open Session.

At 9:10 PM it was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to enter into Closed Session. All ayes.

Council returned to open session at 9:37 PM.

Administrator Brook said Nook's Pourhouse made a request to extend hours on October 28th because the Eagles will be playing in London. They wanted to open at 9:00 AM to begin to serve alcohol. The circumstances that surround a liquor license do not make that a very easy process to accomplish. The township has never authorized any liquor license to open early on a Sunday to serve alcohol. He had asked Council to consider how difficult the request would be. It would involve an ordinance and the repeal of an ordinance. The laws are not necessarily set up to accomplish this type of request. Council discussed the issue and considered the request. The administration will advise the establishment that it is difficult under the way that the law was written to accommodate the request.

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to respectfully deny the request.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Sandusky, Woolston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander

ADJOURNMENT

9:39 PM MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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